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**To:** COM SBCC Home  
**Subject:** Stifling building

Dear Mr. DeVries,

We are roofing contractors in the Methow Valley area and are concerned about the stifling regulations in our building codes. The industry is slumping already without another regulation, especially an unnecessary one such as fire sprinklers.

- Vote to remove the mandatory fire sprinkler requirement from the state building code.
- New homes are already safe. U.S. fire deaths have declined 54% from 1977 to 2007 while the population grew by 80 million.
- Fire sprinkler systems are more costly than fire officials claim. (A study conducted last year by the SBCC found the cost can range from \$1.50 to \$8.50 a square foot.)
- The actual cost to homebuyers is much more than just the price of materials and labor. Factors such as taxes, permits, inspections as well as water hookup fees (determined by each local water district) can add thousands to the consumer's cost of the system.
- Fewer people will be able to afford a new home and will be forced into buying older statistically less safe housing.
- Not all jurisdictions are alike. Forcing all to comply is costly and unnecessary.
- Fire sprinklers should be a consumer/homebuyer choice.

All the above are valid points to consider. Thank you taking the time to do so.

Sincerely,

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